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October 31, 2018

Ms. Reade Levinson  
Thomas Reuters  
3 Times Square  
New York, NY 10036

Dear Ms. Levinson:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of April 18, 2018, in which you seek records related to Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS), specifically:

- All reports and communications both internal and external to and from Navy personnel pertaining to the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS) in the San Francisco Bay Area, California over the past year.
- Per phone communication on or about May 4, 2018 with Ms. Ginger Dolan of NAVSEA, the timeframe for responsive documents and communications was revised from one year to 60 days.

Your request was received by this office on April 25, 2018 and assigned file number DON-NAVY-2018-006820.

We have identified 183 records (emails, associated attachments, and documents) that are responsive to your request. The Navy is providing these records to you via the United States Army's secure file sharing site, AMRDEC. Due to the file limitations of this site, you will be receiving approximately 6 to 7 emails with secure links to these records. However, certain draft documents and briefing materials that contain or reflect internal advice, recommendations and subjective evaluations pertaining to the internal decision-making process of the Navy are exempt from disclosure under Exemption 5 of FOIA [5 U.S.C 552(b) (5) and have been withheld from release. Release of these records could cause harm to the Navy's deliberations by discouraging the free and frank exchange of opinions or potentially result in public confusion by disclosing information that is not consistent with the outcome of the deliberative process. Although portions of the exempt documents could be considered factual, such information is inextricably intertwined with deliberative material, or fragmented and uninformative, and has therefore been withheld from release. Fees associated with the processing of your request are waived in this instance.

In view of the above, you may consider this partial denial to be an adverse determination that may be appealed. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may submit an appeal directly within the web-based system. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of your appeal. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to:


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The Department of the Navy  
Office of the General Counsel (ATTN: FOIA APPEALS)  
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532  
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at [Christopher.A.Julka@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.A.Julka@navy.mil) or (703) 697-0031. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-01, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Further questions regarding the action this office has taken may be directed to Scott Anderson, [scott.d.anderson@navy.mil](mailto:scott.d.anderson@navy.mil). Please refer to your FOIA case number DON-NAVY-2018-006820 whenever corresponding about this request.

Sincerely,



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Director